WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Social security to unemployed

*227. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring a law to provide social security to the unemployed in the country; and

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Government enacted a law, National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 wherein provision has been made to ensure livelihood security to the households in rural areas in the notified districts by providing a guarantee of wage employment for at least hundred days in a financial year to every rural household whose members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. If an applicant for employment under the scheme is not provided employment within fifteen days of receipt of his application seeking employment or from the date on which employment is sought, whichever is later, he shall be entitled to payment of unemployment allowance which shall not be less than one fourth of the wage rate for the first thirty days and fifty per cent of the wage rate for the remaining period.

Upgradation of textile industry

*228. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to upgrade the textile industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the textile units that are proposed to be upgraded in Orissa?